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A NEW MOTION PICTURE THEATER FOR WILLIAMS

Local Men will Install a Machine and Be Ready to Operate About March 1—Price Will Be Ten and Fifteen Cents

About March 1 a new motion picture theatre will be in operation in Williams. The Williams Opera House has been engaged for the enterprise and the necessary machinery for presenting motion pictures on the screen is being assembled.

Messrs John Klock and Harry Dial are the promoters of the undertaking. They form a combination which promises success from the very start. Mr. Klock is experienced in the management of the opera house and he has been very successful in the capacity of manager. Mr. Dial is a photographer by profession as well as a careful business man. To these qualifications he adds a knowledge of the technique of the motion picture business.

Messrs Klock and Dial are now in correspondence with picture firms and they expect that in a very few days they will have all arrangements made for an adequate supply of the best films to be found on the market.

The new theatre will provide entertainment at the popular price of 10 and 15 cents.

Messrs Klock and Dial believe that with good equipment installed in a building as favorably situated as is the Williams Opera House and with such skillful operation as they feel confident that they can supply, they will enjoy a profitable patronage from an appreciative public.

CORPORATION COMMISSION TO BE THERE

The Town Council has been hoping for a visit from the state Corporation Commission next Monday to counsel with them over the franchise of the Williams Water and Electric Company and in regard to the local water question generally.

Town Attorney F. M. Gold got a wire from the Commission Tuesday that Chairman F. A. Jones will be on hand for the meeting.

Considerable hinges on this meeting and on the counsel of Mr. Jones. The local water company has made the town a proposition to sell the water-works and the light plant for \$125,000 and doubtless Mr. Jones will be asked as to the best policy for the town in relation to this offer.

Then, too, the Coconino Water Development and Stock Company desires the council to submit to the voters of Williams their franchise proposition and Mr. Jones will, doubtless, be asked as to the soundness of the proposition of this company to supply the town with water and a sewer system and also as to the advisability of granting a franchise to this company during the life of the franchise of the present operating company.

The council meeting next Monday night will be an important one and it behooves Williams people to attend.

C. S. PATTERSON FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE

To the Qualified Voters of School District No. 2

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of school trustee at the coming election next March.

In making the above announcement I feel that the voters are entitled to know just what I stand for:

First. I am absolutely in favor of the principal having complete jurisdiction over the discipline of the pupils;

Second. I am not in favor of the Trustees, any of them, in any manner attempting to dictate to or hamper the principal in the Management of the school. The Principal should have absolute power to enforce the rules that he prescribes.

Third. If I am elected I will insist on the hiring of our Arizona boys and girls that qualify themselves for that profession; And not force them to leave our state to secure employment as teachers.

Fourth. If elected I will work for the strictest economy in spending the school funds, commensurate with the good of the school.

If you believe in the above policy I earnestly ask your support.

(adv.) C. S. Patterson

Band Boys Dance

The Band Boys' dance given at the Sultana Theatre last Saturday night proved the usual great success. In spite of the raging snow storm, one of the largest crowds ever attending a dance in Williams attended the dance. In addition to the large crowd of local people present, a number attended from Flagstaff, Grand Canyon and other points. All had a most enjoyable time and pronounced the band boys most excellent hosts. They will look forward with pleasant anticipation to the annual band dance next year. The dance was a big success financially and assures the band abundant funds for the annual encampment to be held early in the summer.

THIRD BIG SNOW FALL OF WINTER

18 Inches Lie Largely In Drifts Nearly Three Inches of Moisture Added

The third heavy snowfall of the winter is with us. The strong wind which blew most of the time during the three days of snow swept the falling flakes into drifts, some of them many feet deep. Every considerable object which broke the force of the wind formed eddies and to the leeward the snow was deposited.

The Forest Service has found the snowfall to amount to 18 inches. This is nearly as much as the heavier of the other two storms brought us. The temperature was moderate and the snow not very dry and the moisture precipitation amounted to nearly three inches. If there were any doubts as to the supply of water for various purposes, they are at rest now. The mountains are full of snow which will be heard from later.

A PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the pastors of our churches have decided to set apart Sunday next February 25 as a special occasion for everyone's going to church, and

Whereas, it is always good for the welfare of a community to support and encourage its religious agencies and influences, therefore, I, R. C. Watson Mayor of the Town of Williams, Arizona, do hereby proclaim Sunday February 25th, as "Everybody Go to Church Sunday" for this town, and earnestly recommend to all our people, and to the strangers within our gates, to attend the services at the churches of their choice on that day.

R. C. Watson, Mayor of the Town of Williams

HOPES TO MAKE COCONINO COUNTY A GAME PRESERVE

The following letter from Senator Hugh E. Campbell needs no explanation. The object which he seeks by S. B. No. 107 is plainly stated and the reasons given should appeal to every good citizen of Coconino County.

Mr. F. M. Gold, Williams, Arizona.

Dear Mr. Gold:

I am enclosing you a copy of Senate Bill No. 107, introduced by myself, for the protection of wild game in Coconino County. This bill makes the entire county a game preserve, and I introduced it for this reason: There have been several game preserves created at this session, in different parts of the State, and more are to follow. You can readily see what the result will be—hunters from all over the State will flock to Coconino County, and unless we have this protection, the game will be killed to such an extent that in a year or two at least, game will be a thing of the past.

You will notice from the bill that I am giving the hunters the opportunity to kill water fowl in season; also rabbits.

I think it would be a great injustice for us to fail to take advantage of this protection for our county, and I am writing you because I know you are interested in this matter, and I do hope this will meet with your approval.

I want to give the bill the widest publicity, and am sending a copy of same to the Williams City Council, and wish you would take the matter up with them and also with the Woman's Club. They wrote me about several bills at different times and I think this one would interest them and that they would want to know all about it.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience, I am, Yours very truly,

Hugh E. Campbell

Likes Prescott

The News has a short letter from Mr. M. H. Mansfield who moved to Prescott a few days ago to accept a position with the J. C. Penny Company. Mr. Mansfield says in his letter: "We are very comfortably located and I like my new work and place and town, fine." Mr. Mansfield extends a very cordial invitation to Williams people to drop in on him when in Prescott.

MANY FOREST MEN MEET IN WILLIAMS

Annual Conference To Prepare A Budget For Year, July 1 '17 to June 30, 1918

The annual conference of Forest Service officials has been held in Williams during the last few days, beginning February 16 and closing February 20. The following Forest Service officials were present: District Forester Redington; Assistant District Foresters Waha and Butler; Forest Supervisors Winn, Pitchlynn, Guthrie and Greene; Deputy Forest Supervisors McNelly and Wylder and Grazing Inspector Kavanagh. The main business of the conference was to discuss the general interests of the Forest Service and prepare a budget for the expense of the coming year, July 1, 1917 to June 30, 1918. Improvements are contemplated and the demands of the National Forests represented at this conference will be forwarded to the general office for the purpose of securing a fair share of the public funds to be allotted to the various districts. The following National Forests were represented at the conference: Sitgreaves, Apache, Coconino, Prescott, Tusayan and Grand Canyon National Monument.

Out on Bail

Section foreman Arthur Wilcoxson whom Marshal Burns of Williams delivered at the Yavapai county jail early last week, entered a plea of not guilty, Tuesday in the Superior Court and was placed under \$2,500 bond. The bond was furnished and Wilcoxson was allowed to return to his family. His case will come up for trial in March, probably.

SCHOOL NOTES

The Williams high school basketball team will go to Prescott Thursday to play the Prescott team in the evening.

Miss Lenore Francis, County Superintendent, is visiting the Williams school this week.

Archdeacon J. R. Jenkins of the Episcopal church talked to the pupils of the school Tuesday. The archdeacon is an entertaining story teller and the children listened with rapt attention.

At the class election last week, Marshal Hughes was elected President and Pete Campbell Secretary-treasurer.

New Picture for the School

The School has just been presented with a new picture—Reni's "Aurora." This attractive gift was purchased with the proceeds of an operetta, "The Brownie's Whisper," given last year by the pupils of the school under the direction of Miss Peet.

The picture is hung in the front hall and the hand colored tints are particularly suitable to the north light which it receives from the front door. It is one of the most popular decorations and Williams is fortunate in having such an attractive picture for the school.

Remember that next Sunday is "Everybody go to Church" Sunday.

MEMBERSHIP OF ONE-HUNDRED AIM OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

EVERYBODY GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

The News wished to say something to boost the "everybody go to Church Sunday" but couldn't get started just right. It felt just a little bit guilty in fact. Then came along a good friend with an article already prepared and said the right thing in a better way than we could say it, and accordingly we present the article below with our full endorsement:

Next Sunday, February 25th will be observed by the churches of this town and of Flagstaff as "Everybody go to Church Sunday". The idea of such an occasion originated several years ago and has been followed up more or less intermittently ever since. It is not a bad idea at all, even if it does indicate a somewhat spasmodic religious impulse on the part of many.

Of course now and then an ultra conservative Christian will object: "Why emphasize our religious duty on one occasion? Should we not all go to church every Sunday?"

True; and yet it is by emphasis on special occasions that the general trend of things is kept up. The same is true of patriotic holidays, when we lay stress on civic and national duties. Why should we be especially patriotic on Washington's birthday, Fourth of July etc.? Should not good citizens be patriotic all the time?

Very true, and yet special occasions for calling to mind our nation's history and the great leaders helps to raise the level of our nationalism. And the same thing applies to religious subjects—as has just been said.

So let every one go to church next Sunday: church member and non-church-goer, you will be equally welcome. And if perchance, some who have been negligent of their religious opportunities, find that the spell of the stay-at-home habit has been broken; so much the better for them, for the church and for us all.

MOTHER'S DEPT. M. E. S. S. MET YESTERDAY

The Mother's Department of the M. E. Sunday School met yesterday at the home of Mrs. E. A. Phillips. The subject for the meeting was "Education thru gardening." Papers were read by the following mothers: Mrs. I. P. McConkey, What Detroit is doing with back-yard gardening; Mrs. W. L. Summers, Back-yard gardening; Mrs. R. A. Weaver, The girl in play. The Misses Peet, Phillips and Minnie Drennan favored the meeting with music.

The March meeting of the Mother's Department will be held at the home of Mrs. E. W. Carlson. The subject for this meeting will be play in education.

If you know of a news item of interest, send it in to the News. The favor will be appreciated.

Membership Committee of W. D. A. Has Secured Over 50 Members and Expects to get a Hundred—Find Hearty Cooperation Everywhere—Practical Thru Road Proposed

Messrs Erle Polson Edwin Johnson and W. C. Rittenhouse who constitute the Membership Committee of the Williams Development Association, set out on the task assigned them expecting to secure fully fifty members for the organization and soon raised their hopes to the hundred mark. Over fifty members have already been secured and not nearly all of the available members have yet been conferred with. Everywhere they have met a cordial reception, and the amount of enthusiasm expressed favoring the proposed development of Coleman Lake, sets a record never before attained in Williams for any project.

The development of Coleman Lake as a pleasure resort will be a great benefit to the community as a whole. There is not an individual in the community no matter what his work, or profession or business who will not be benefitted. There will be more work for workingmen, more business for businessmen, more practice for professional men, better roads for cattlemen and ranchers, and recreation and outdoor enjoyment for all, big or little, old or young. The spirit of unity which is getting behind this organization in an effort to help it attain its object offers greater encouragement to all who wish Williams well, than any spirit which has hitherto voiced itself in Williams. In the development of Coleman Lake and the road leading to it we have a common ground upon which all can meet and work for the common interest. Nor does this common interest stop with the limits of the town. This project is of vital importance to the cattlemen, sheepmen, ranchers, forestry services and all those having interests outside of the town, as well.

The cattlemen and others recognize this fact, too. Nick Perkins for instance, has made a very liberal offer to help in the construction of the dam needed at the lake, and in addition to that has mapped out a practical road to connect with the Verde valley. Not content with mapping out the road only, Mr. Perkins offers the assurance that the stockmen who have interests south of town, will meet the people of Williams half way in improving the six miles of road necessary to connect the road by Coleman lake, with the upper Verde.

Now, while the snow is on the ground is the time to do the discussing and planning. Some of the men with the best ideas have not yet joined the movement but they are joining, and practically all of them will be members before the next meeting is held. This is the time for every well wisher of Williams to get in and boost. There is no room for knockers, but there is always room for one more booster.